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IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title, please enter the following text:

(New)-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/353,125, filed July 14, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,288,360, which application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety and to which application priority is claimed. --

On page 2, after line 23, and before "Detailed Description of the Invention," please insert the following text:

(New)--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Figure 1 depicts an exemplary embodiment of a method of ablating holes in a material. Cross hatching indicates regions of a second layer that are laminated to first layer. --